

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF GOOD QUALITY SEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of good quality seeds continue to be a problem for the farmers despite development of huge institutional framework for seed production;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidized quality seeds and training to the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which, it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): As assessed in Zonal Seeds Review Meetings for Kharif 2006, 67.65 lakh qtls. of seeds of various crops were available as against the requirement of 60.22 lakh qtls.

(c)to(e): Under the Seed Village Component of Central Sector Scheme 'Development and Strengthening of Seed Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds', financial assistance is provided at 50% of cost of Foundation/Certified Seeds to the identified farmers. Besides an amount of Rs.15000 per group of farmers is also provided for training of farmers on Seeds Production Technology. In addition to this subsidy, subsidy on seeds is also being provided under various crops development schemes.